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For: NOVEL FORM OF IRBESARTAN,  
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAID FORM AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the claims, please insert the following abstract as new page 36 (a copy of  
which is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience):

**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a novel crystalline form of irbesartan, to  
pharmaceutical compositions containing it, to processes for preparing it, and to a  
method for treating cardiovascular diseases utilizing it.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-30 and add new claims 31-45 as follows before  
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